

LAPLACE INTEGRATION AND ITS APPLICATION

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LAPLACE TRANSFORM DEFINITION

Definition. Let $f(t)$ be defined for all $t \geq 0$, then $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$ is defined as the Laplace transform of $f(t)$, if the integral exists.

It is denoted by $L[f(t)]$. It is a function of s .

$$\text{Hence, } L[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = F(s).$$

Result. The parameter s may be real or complex.

SUFFICIENT CONDITION

Sufficient condition for existence of Laplace Transforms

[May2015, Dec 2014, May 2011]

Let $f(t)$ be defined for all $t \geq 0$ such that (i) $f(t)$ is piecewise continuous in the interval $[0, \infty)$ and (ii) $f(t)$ is of exponential order $\alpha > 0$, then the Laplace transform of $f(t)$ exists for $s > \alpha$.

Note

1. Piecewise continuous on $[0, \infty)$ means that the function is continuous on every finite subinterval $0 \leq t \leq \alpha$ except possibly at a finite number of points where they have jumps i.e., $f(x+)$ and $f(x-)$ exist but not equal.
2. $f(t)$ is of exponential order $\alpha > 0$ if $|f(t)| \leq Me^{\alpha t}$ for all $t \geq 0$ and M is a constant. In other words, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (e^{-\alpha t} f(t))$ is finite.

EXAMPLE

Example. t^n is of exponential order as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (e^{-\alpha t} t^n) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t^n}{e^{\alpha t}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{\alpha^n e^{\alpha t}} = 0.$$

Result. The above conditions are sufficient but not necessary.

Example. $L\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}\right]$ exists but it is not continuous at $t = 0$.

LAPLACE TRANSFORMS OF ELEMENTARY FUNCTIONS

Laplace Transform of Standard functions

$$1. L[1] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} 1 dt = \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_0^{\infty} = -\frac{1}{s} [0 - 1] = \frac{1}{s}.$$

$$2. L[e^{at}] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{at} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-a)t} dt = \left[\frac{e^{-(s-a)t}}{-(s-a)} \right]_0^{\infty} = -\frac{1}{s-a} [0 - 1] = \frac{1}{s-a}.$$

$$3. L[e^{-at}] = \frac{1}{s+a}.$$

LAPLACE TRANSFORMS OF ELEMENTARY FUNCTIONS

$$4. L[t] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t dt = \int_0^{\infty} t d\left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s}\right) = \left[t \frac{e^{-st}}{-s}\right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} dt = \frac{1}{s} \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s}\right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s^2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5. L[t^n] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t^n dt = \int_0^{\infty} t^n d\left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s}\right) = \left[t^n \frac{e^{-st}}{-s}\right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} n t^{n-1} dt \\ &= \frac{n}{s} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t^{n-1} dt = \frac{n}{s} L[t^{n-1}] = \frac{n}{s} \frac{n-1}{s} L[t^{n-2}] \\ &= \frac{n}{s} \frac{n-1}{s} \frac{n-2}{s} \dots L[t] \\ &= \frac{n}{s} \frac{n-1}{s} \frac{n-2}{s} \dots \frac{1}{s^2} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6. L[\cosh at] &= L\left[\frac{e^{at} + e^{-at}}{2}\right] = \frac{1}{2} [L[e^{at}] + L[e^{-at}]] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s+a}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{s+a+s-a}{s^2-a^2}\right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{2s}{s^2-a^2}\right] = \frac{s}{s^2-a^2}. \end{aligned}$$

LAPLACE TRANSFORMS OF ELEMENTARY FUNCTIONS

$$7. L[\sinh at] = L\left[\frac{e^{at} - e^{-at}}{2}\right] = \frac{1}{2}[L[e^{at}] - L[e^{-at}]]$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{1}{s-a} - \frac{1}{s+a}\right] = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}.$$

$$8. L[\cos at] = L\left[\frac{e^{iat} + e^{-iat}}{2}\right] = \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{1}{s-ai} + \frac{1}{s+ai}\right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{s+ai + s-ai}{s^2 + a^2}\right] = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}.$$

$$9. L[\sin at] = L\left[\frac{e^{iat} - e^{-iat}}{2i}\right] = \frac{1}{2i}\left[\frac{1}{s-ai} - \frac{1}{s+ai}\right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{2i}\left[\frac{s+ai - s+ai}{s^2 + a^2}\right] = \frac{1}{2i}\left[\frac{2ai}{s^2 + a^2}\right] = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}.$$

EXAMPLE

Example Write a function for which Laplace transform does not exist.

Explain why Laplace transform does not exist?

[May 2007]

Solution. Let $f(t) = e^{t^2}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-st} f(t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-st} e^{t^2} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-st+t^2} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{t(-s+t)} = e^{\infty} = \infty.\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-st} e^{t^2}$ is not finite.

i.e., e^{t^2} is not of exponential order.

\therefore Laplace transform of $f(t)$ does not exist.

LINEARITY PROPERTY

Linearity Property

If $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ are two continuous functions of t and k is a constant, then

- (i) $L[f(t) \pm g(t)] = L[f(t)] \pm L[g(t)]$.
- (ii) $L[kf(t)] = kL[f(t)]$ where $k \neq 0$.

EXAMPLE

Example Is the linearity property applicable to $L\left[\frac{1 - \cos t}{t}\right]$? Reason out. [Dec 2012]

Solution. Linearity property can be applied when $\frac{1}{t}$ and $\frac{\cos t}{t}$ are continuous. Here, $\frac{1}{t}$ and $\frac{\cos t}{t}$ are not even defined at $t = 0$. Hence, they are not continuous. Therefore, linearity property is not applicable to $\frac{1 - \cos t}{t}$.

Example Find $L[3e^{5t} + 5 \cos t]$. [Jan 2009]

Solution. $L[3e^{5t} + 5 \cos t] = 3L[e^{5t}] + 5L[\cos t]$
 $= 3 \frac{1}{s-5} + 5 \frac{s}{s^2+1} = \frac{3}{s-5} + \frac{5s}{s^2+1}$.

Example Find $L[\cos \pi t + e^{-\frac{2}{3}t} + \sin 8t]$. [Jun 2009]

Solution. $L[\cos \pi t + e^{-\frac{2}{3}t} + \sin 8t] = L[\cos \pi t] + L[e^{-\frac{2}{3}t}] + L[\sin 8t]$
 $= \frac{s}{s^2 + \pi^2} + \frac{1}{s + \frac{2}{3}} + \frac{8}{s^2 + 64}$.

EXAMPLE

Example Find $L[t^2 + e^{-5t} + 8 + \sinh 5t]$.

[Jun 2007]

Solution. $L[t^2 + e^{-5t} + 8 + \sinh 5t] = L[t^2] + L[e^{-5t}] + 8L[1] + L[\sinh 5t]$
 $= \frac{2!}{s^3} + \frac{1}{s+5} + 8\frac{1}{s} + \frac{5}{s^2-25} = \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{1}{s+5} + \frac{8}{s} + \frac{5}{s^2-25}.$

Example Find $L[(t+1)^2]$.

[Jun 2002]

Solution. $L[(t+1)^2] = L[t^2 + 2t + 1]$
 $= L[t^2] + 2L[t] + L[1] = \frac{2!}{s^3} + 2\frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s}$
 $= \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{2}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s} = \frac{2 + 2s + s^2}{s^3}.$

Example Find $L[\cos^2 2t]$.

[Dec 2005]

Solution. $L[\cos^2 2t] = L\left[\frac{1 + \cos 4t}{2}\right] = \frac{1}{2}[L[1] + L[\cos 4t]] = \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{1}{s} + \frac{s}{s^2 + 16}\right]$
 $= \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{s^2 + 16 + s^2}{s(s^2 + 16)}\right] = \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{2s^2 + 16}{s(s^2 + 16)}\right] = \frac{s^2 + 8}{s(s^2 + 16)}.$

EXAMPLE

Example Find $L[\sin 2t \sin 3t]$.

[Dec 2004]

Solution.
$$L[\sin 2t \sin 3t] = \frac{1}{2}L[\cos t - \cos 5t] = \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 + 1} - \frac{s}{s^2 + 25}\right]$$

$$= \frac{s}{2}\left[\frac{s^2 + 25 - s^2 - 1}{(s^2 + 1)(s^2 + 25)}\right] = \frac{s}{2}\left[\frac{24}{(s^2 + 1)(s^2 + 25)}\right]$$

$$= \frac{12s}{(s^2 + 1)(s^2 + 25)}.$$

Example Find $L[\sin^3 2t]$.

[May 2004]

Solution.
$$L[\sin^3 2t] = L\left[\frac{1}{4}(3 \sin 2t - \sin 6t)\right] = \frac{1}{4}\left[3\frac{2}{s^2 + 4} - \frac{6}{s^2 + 36}\right]$$

$$= \frac{6}{4}\left[\frac{s^2 + 36 - s^2 - 4}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 36)}\right] = \frac{3}{2}\left[\frac{32}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 36)}\right] = \frac{48}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 36)}.$$

EXAMPLE

Example Find $L[t^{-\frac{1}{2}}]$.

[May 2005]

Solution. $L[t^{-\frac{1}{2}}] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} dt$

Let $st = x \Rightarrow t = \frac{x}{s} \Rightarrow dt = \frac{1}{s} dx$.

When $t = 0, x = 0$, when $t = \infty, x = \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L[t^{-\frac{1}{2}}] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} \left(\frac{x}{s}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{s} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} x^{\frac{1}{2}-1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad [\Gamma n = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} x^{n-1} dx] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \sqrt{\pi} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s}}. \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE

Example Find $L[\cos 4t \cdot \sin 2t]$.

[Dec 2009]

Solution. $L[\cos 4t \cdot \sin 2t] = L\left[\frac{\sin 6t - \sin 2t}{2}\right] = \frac{1}{2} [L[\sin 6t] - L[\sin 2t]]$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{6}{s^2 + 36} - \frac{2}{s^2 + 4} \right] = \frac{3}{s^2 + 36} - \frac{1}{s^2 + 4}.$$

Example Find $L[\sin^2 t \cos^3 t]$.

[May 2008]

Solution. We have $\sin^2 t \cos^3 t = \left(\frac{1 - \cos 2t}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\cos 3t + 3 \cos t}{4}\right)$

$$= \frac{1}{8} [\cos 3t + 3 \cos t - \cos 2t \cos 3t - 3 \cos 2t \cos t]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left[\cos 3t + 3 \cos t - \frac{1}{2} (\cos 5t + \cos t) - \frac{3}{2} (\cos 3t + \cos t) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left[\cos 3t + 3 \cos t - \frac{1}{2} \cos 5t - \frac{1}{2} \cos t - \frac{3}{2} \cos 3t - \frac{3}{2} \cos t \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \cos 3t + \cos t - \frac{1}{2} \cos 5t \right]$$

$$L[\sin^2 t \cos^3 t] = L \left[\frac{1}{8} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \cos 3t + \cos t - \frac{1}{2} \cos 5t \right] \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} L[2 \cos t - \cos 3t - \cos 5t]$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} \left[\frac{2s}{s^2 + 1} - \frac{s}{s^2 + 9} - \frac{s}{s^2 + 25} \right].$$

EXAMPLE

Example Find the Laplace transform of the function defined by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 < t < 1 \\ 0 & t > 1 \end{cases}.$$

[Dec 2007]

Solution. $L[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$

$$= \int_0^1 e^{-st} f(t) dt + \int_1^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 e^{-st} \cdot t dt + \int_1^{\infty} e^{-st} \times 0 dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 e^{-st} t dt = \int_0^1 t d\left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s}\right)$$

$$= \left[t \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} dt.$$

$$= -\frac{1}{s} [e^{-s} - 0] + \frac{1}{s} \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right]_0^1$$

$$= -\frac{e^{-s}}{s} - \frac{1}{s^2} (e^{-s} - 1)$$

$$= -\frac{e^{-s}}{s} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s^2}.$$

EXAMPLE

ExampleFind the Laplace transform of $f(t)$ defined by $f(t) = \begin{cases} e^t & 0 < t < 1 \\ 0 & t > 1. \end{cases}$ **Solution.** $L[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$

$$= \int_0^1 e^{-st} f(t) dt + \int_1^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 e^{-st} e^t dt = \int_0^1 e^{-(s-1)t} dt$$

$$= \left[\frac{e^{-(s-1)t}}{-(s-1)} \right]_0^1 = -\frac{1}{s-1} [e^{-(s-1)} - 1] = \frac{1 - e^{-(s-1)}}{s-1}.$$

EXAMPLE

Example Find the Laplace transform of the function defined by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \sin t & 0 < t < \pi \\ 0 & t > \pi \end{cases}.$$

[May 2006]

Solution. $L[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} e^{-st} f(t) dt + \int_{\pi}^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} e^{-st} \sin t dt$$

$$= \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{s^2 + 1} (-s \sin t - \cos t) \right]_0^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\pi s}}{s^2 + 1} (-s \sin \pi - \cos \pi) - \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} (-s \sin 0 - \cos 0) = \frac{e^{-\pi s}}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} = \frac{1 + e^{-\pi s}}{s^2 + 1}.$$

PROPERTIES OF LALACE TRANSFORMS

Shifting Property - First Shifting theorem

1. **Statement.** If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$ then $L[e^{-at}f(t)] = F(s + a)$.

Proof. $L[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = F(s)$

$$\begin{aligned} L[e^{-at}f(t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} e^{-at} f(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(st+at)} f(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s+a)t} f(t) dt = F(s + a) = [L[f(t)]]_{s \rightarrow s+a} \end{aligned}$$

2. $L[e^{at}f(t)] = F(s - a) = L[f(t)]_{s \rightarrow s-a}$.

PROPERTIES OF LALACE TRANSFORMS

Change of scale property

Statement. If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$ then $L[f(at)] = \frac{1}{a}F\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$, $a > 0$.

Proof. $L[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = F(s)$

$$L[f(at)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(at) dt$$

$$\text{Let } at = x \Rightarrow t = \frac{x}{a} \Rightarrow dt = \frac{1}{a} dx$$

When $t = 0$, $x = 0$, when $t = \infty$, $x = \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L[f(at)] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s\frac{x}{a}} f(x) \frac{dx}{a} \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)x} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{a} F\left(\frac{s}{a}\right) = \frac{1}{a} [F(s)]_{s \rightarrow \frac{s}{a}} = \frac{1}{a} [L[f(t)]]_{s \rightarrow \frac{s}{a}}. \end{aligned}$$

PROBLEMS

Example Find $L[e^t t^{-\frac{1}{2}}]$.

[May 1996]

Solution. $L[e^t t^{-\frac{1}{2}}] = L[t^{-\frac{1}{2}}]_{s \rightarrow s-1} = \left[\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s}} \right]_{s \rightarrow s-1} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s-1}}$.

Example Find the Laplace transform of $\frac{t}{e^t}$.

[Jun 2013]

Solution. $L\left[\frac{t}{e^t}\right] = L[e^{-t}t] = L[t]_{s \rightarrow s+1} = \left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right]_{s \rightarrow s+1} = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2}$.

Example Find $L[e^{-3t} \sin t \cdot \cos t]$

[Dec 2011]

Solution. $L[e^{-3t} \sin t \cos t] = L\left[e^{-3t} \frac{\sin 2t}{2}\right] = \frac{1}{2}L[e^{-3t} \sin 2t]$

$$= \frac{1}{2}L[\sin 2t]_{s \rightarrow s+3} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{s^2 + 4} \right)_{s \rightarrow s+3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(s+3)^2 + 4} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 6s + 13}$$

Example Find $L[e^{-3t} \sin^2 t]$.

[Jun 2008]

Solution. $L[e^{-3t} \sin^2 t] = L[\sin^2 t]_{s \rightarrow s+3} = L\left[\frac{1 - \cos 2t}{2}\right]_{s \rightarrow s+3}$

$$= \frac{1}{2}[L[1] - L[\cos 2t]]_{s \rightarrow s+3} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} \right]_{s \rightarrow s+3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{s+3} - \frac{s+3}{(s+3)^2 + 4} \right]$$

PROBLEMS

Example Find $L[\cosh t \sin 2t]$.

[Dec 2009]

Solution. $L[\cosh t \sin 2t] = L\left[\frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2} \sin 2t\right] = \frac{1}{2} [L(e^t \sin 2t + e^{-t} \sin 2t)]$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [L[\sin 2t]_{s \rightarrow s-1} + L[\sin 2t]_{s \rightarrow s+1}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left[\frac{2}{s^2 + 4} \right]_{s \rightarrow s-1} + \left[\frac{2}{s^2 + 4} \right]_{s \rightarrow s+1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{2}{(s-1)^2 + 4} + \frac{2}{(s+1)^2 + 4} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(s-1)^2 + 4} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^2 + 4}$$

Example Find $L[e^{2t} \cos 5t]$.

[May 2008]

Solution. $L[e^{2t} \cos 5t] = L[\cos 5t]_{s \rightarrow s-2} = \left[\frac{s}{s^2 + 25} \right]_{s \rightarrow s-2} = \frac{s-2}{(s-2)^2 + 25}$

PROBLEMS

Find the Laplace transforms of (i) $\cosh at \sinh bt$ (ii) $(1 + te^{-t})^3$.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i) } L[\cosh at \sinh bt] &= L\left[\frac{e^{at} + e^{-at}}{2} \sinh bt\right] = \frac{1}{2}L[e^{at} \sinh bt + e^{-at} \sinh bt] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}[L[e^{at} \sinh bt] + L[e^{-at} \sinh bt]] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}[L[\sinh bt]_{s \rightarrow s-a} + L[\sinh bt]_{s \rightarrow s+a}] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}\left[\left[\frac{b}{s^2 + b^2}\right]_{s \rightarrow s-a} + \left[\frac{b}{s^2 + b^2}\right]_{s \rightarrow s+a}\right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2} + \frac{b}{(s+a)^2 + b^2}\right].
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii) } L[(1 + te^{-t})^3] &= L[1 + 3te^{-t} + 3t^2e^{-2t} + t^3e^{-3t}] \\
 &= L[1] + 3L[te^{-t}] + 3L[t^2e^{-2t}] + L[t^3e^{-3t}] \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} + 3L[t]_{s \rightarrow s+1} + 3L[t^2]_{s \rightarrow s+2} + L[t^3]_{s \rightarrow s+3} \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} + 3\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right]_{s \rightarrow s+1} + 3\left[\frac{2}{s^3}\right]_{s \rightarrow s+2} + \left[\frac{6}{s^4}\right]_{s \rightarrow s+3} \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} + \frac{3}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{6}{(s+2)^3} + \frac{6}{(s+3)^4}.
 \end{aligned}$$

PROBLEMS

Find $L[\cosh at \cos at]$.

[Dec 2008]

Solution. $L[\cosh at \cos at] = \left[\frac{e^{at} + e^{-at}}{2} \cos at \right] = \frac{1}{2} [L[e^{at} \cos at] + L[e^{-at} \cos at]]$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [L[\cos at]_{s \rightarrow s-a} + L[\cos at]_{s \rightarrow s+a}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} \right)_{s \rightarrow s-a} + \left(\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} \right)_{s \rightarrow s+a} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + a^2} \right) + \left(\frac{s+a}{(s+a)^2 + a^2} \right) \right].$$

Example Find $L[e^{-3t}(2 \cos 5t - 3 \sin 5t)]$.

[May 1999]

Solution. $L[e^{-3t}(2 \cos 5t - 3 \sin 5t)] = L[2e^{-3t} \cos 5t - 3e^{-3t} \sin 5t]$

$$= 2L[e^{-3t} \cos 5t] - 3L[e^{-3t} \sin 5t]$$

$$= 2L[\cos 5t]_{s \rightarrow s+3} - 3L[\sin 5t]_{s \rightarrow s+3}$$

$$= 2 \left[\frac{s}{s^2 + 25} \right]_{s \rightarrow s+3} - 3 \left[\frac{5}{s^2 + 25} \right]_{s \rightarrow s+3}$$

$$= \frac{2(s+3)}{(s+3)^2 + 25} - \frac{15}{(s+3)^2 + 25}.$$

PROPERTIES OF LALACE TRANSFORMS

Theorem. If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$, then $L[t^n f(t)] = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} [F(s)]$.

Proof. We have $L[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$
 $F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt.$

Differentiating w.r.t s we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds} [F(s)] &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d}{ds} [e^{-st} f(t)] dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} (-t) f(t) dt \\ -\frac{d}{ds} [F(s)] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t f(t) dt = L[tf(t)]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } L[t^2 f(t)] &= L[t \cdot tf(t)] = -\frac{d}{ds} L[tf(t)] \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds} \left(-\frac{d}{ds} (F(s)) \right) = (-1)^2 \frac{d^2}{ds^2} F(s) \end{aligned}$$

In general, $L[t^n f(t)] = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} [F(s)]$.

PROBLEMS

Example Find $L[t \cosh 3t]$. [May 1995]

Solution. $L[t \cosh 3t] = -\frac{d}{ds} \{L[\cosh 3t]\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{s}{s^2 - 9} \right] = -\left[\frac{s^2 + 9 - s \times 2s}{(s^2 - 9)^2} \right]$

$$= -\frac{9 - s^2}{(s^2 - 9)^2} = \frac{s^2 - 9}{(s^2 - 9)^2} = \frac{1}{(s^2 - 9)}$$

Example Find $L[t^2 \sin at]$. [May 2001]

Solution. $L[t^2 \sin at] = (-1)^2 \frac{d^2}{ds^2} [L[\sin at]] = \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left[\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2} \right]$

$$= a \frac{d^2}{ds^2} (s^2 + a^2)^{-1} = a \frac{d}{ds} [(-1)(s^2 + a^2)^{-2} 2s] = -2a \frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{s}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} \right]$$

$$= -2a \left(\frac{(s^2 + a^2)^2 \cdot 1 - s \cdot 2(s^2 + a^2) 2s}{(s^2 + a^2)^4} \right)$$

$$= -2a \frac{(s^2 + a^2)[s^2 + a^2 - 4s^2]}{(s^2 + a^2)^4} = -2a \frac{[-3s^2 + a^2]}{(s^2 + a^2)^3} = 2a \frac{[3s^2 - a^2]}{(s^2 + a^2)^3}$$

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Example Find $L[t \cos 3t]$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution. } L[t \cos 3t] &= -\frac{d}{ds} \{L[\cos 3t]\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{s}{s^2 + 9} \right] \\ &= -\left[\frac{s^2 + 9 - s2s}{(s^2 + 9)^2} \right] = -\frac{9 - s^2}{(s^2 + 9)^2} = \frac{s^2 - 9}{(s^2 + 9)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Example Find Laplace transform of $t \sin 2t$.

[Dec 2010]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution. } L[t \sin 2t] &= -\frac{d}{ds} \{L[\sin 2t]\} \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{2}{s^2 + 4} \right] \\ &= -\frac{d}{ds} [2 \cdot (s^2 + 4)^{-1}] \\ &= -2 \cdot (-1) \cdot (s^2 + 4)^{-2} \cdot 2s \\ &= \frac{4s}{(s^2 + 4)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Example Find $L[t \sin at]$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution. } L[t \sin at] &= -\frac{d}{ds} \{L[\sin at]\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2} \right) = -a \frac{d}{ds} (s^2 + a^2)^{-1} \\ &= -a(-1)(s^2 + a^2)^{-2} \cdot 2s = \frac{2as}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

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Find $L[t \cos at]$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution. } L[t \cos at] &= -\frac{d}{ds} [L[\cos at]] = -\frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} \right] = -\frac{s^2 + a^2 - s2s}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} \\ &= -\left[\frac{a^2 - s^2}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} \right] = \frac{s^2 - a^2}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Example Find $L[\sin at - at \cos at]$.

[May 2003]

Solution. $L[\sin at - at \cos at] = L[\sin at] - aL[t \cos at]$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2} - a \left(-\frac{d}{ds} L[\cos at] \right) \\ &= \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2} + a \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2} + a \frac{(s^2 + a^2) \cdot 1 - s2s}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2} + a \frac{s^2 + a^2 - 2s^2}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2} + \frac{a(a^2 - s^2)}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} = a \left[\frac{s^2 + a^2 + a^2 - s^2}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} \right] = \frac{2a^3}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

PROBLEMS

Example Find $L[te^{-t} \sin t]$.

Solution. $L[te^{-t} \sin t] = -\frac{d}{ds} \left\{ L[e^{-t} \sin t] \right\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \left[L[\sin t]_{s \rightarrow s+1} \right]$

$$= -\frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \right]_{s \rightarrow s+1} = -\frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{1}{(s+1)^2 + 1} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{1}{s^2 + 2s + 2} \right] = -(-1)(s^2 + 2s + 2)^{-2}(2s + 2)$$

$$= \frac{2s + 2}{(s^2 + 2s + 2)^2}.$$

Example Find $L[t \sin 3t \cos 2t]$.

[May 2008]

Solution. $L[t \sin 3t \cos 2t] = L \left[t \frac{[\sin 5t + \sin t]}{2} \right]$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{d}{ds} \right) (L[\sin 5t] + L[\sin t])$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{5}{s^2 + 25} + \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{ds} \left[5(s^2 + 25)^{-1} + (s^2 + 1)^{-1} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{-5 \cdot 2s}{(s^2 + 25)^2} - \frac{2s}{(s^2 + 1)^2} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} (-2) \left[\frac{5s}{(s^2 + 25)^2} + \frac{s}{(s^2 + 1)^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{5s}{(s^2 + 25)^2} + \frac{s}{(s^2 + 1)^2}.$$

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Example Find $L[t^2 e^{-3t} \sin 2t]$.

[Jun 2013, May 2000]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Solution. } L[t^2 e^{-3t} \sin 2t] &= \frac{d^2}{ds^2} [L[e^{-3t} \sin 2t]] = \frac{d^2}{ds^2} [L[\sin 2t]_{s \rightarrow s+3}] \\
 &= \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left[\frac{2}{(s+3)^2 + 4} \right] \\
 &= \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left[\frac{2}{s^2 + 6s + 13} \right] \\
 &= 2 \frac{d^2}{ds^2} (s^2 + 6s + 13)^{-1} \\
 &= 2 \frac{d}{ds} [(-1)(s^2 + 6s + 13)^{-2} (2s + 6)] \\
 &= -2 \frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{2s + 6}{(s^2 + 6s + 13)^2} \right] \\
 &= -4 \frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{s + 3}{(s^2 + 6s + 13)^2} \right] \\
 &= -4 \frac{(s^2 + 6s + 13)^2 - (s + 3)2(s^2 + 6s + 13)(2s + 6)}{(s^2 + 6s + 13)^4} \\
 &= -4 \frac{s^2 + 6s + 13 - 4(s^2 + 6s + 9)}{(s^2 + 6s + 13)^3} \\
 &= -4 \frac{s^2 + 6s + 13 - 4s^2 - 36 - 24s}{(s^2 + 6s + 13)^3} \\
 &= -4 \frac{-3s^2 - 18s - 23}{(s^2 + 6s + 13)^3} = 4 \frac{3s^2 + 18s + 23}{(s^2 + 6s + 13)^3}.
 \end{aligned}$$

PROPERTIES OF LALACE TRANSFORMS

Theorem. If $L[f(t)] = F[s]$ and if $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t)}{t}$ exists, then $L\left[\frac{f(t)}{t}\right] = \int_s^\infty F(s)ds$.

Proof. We have, $F(s) = L[f(t)] = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt$

Integrating both sides w.r.t s from s to ∞

$$\begin{aligned} \int_s^\infty F(s)ds &= \int_s^\infty \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt ds = \int_0^\infty f(t) \left[\int_s^\infty e^{-st} ds \right] dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty f(t) \left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-t} \right)_s^\infty dt = - \int_0^\infty \frac{f(t)}{t} (e^{-\infty} - e^{-st}) dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \frac{f(t)}{t} dt = L\left[\frac{f(t)}{t}\right]. \end{aligned}$$

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Example Find $L\left[\frac{1-e^t}{t}\right]$. [Dec 2008]

Solution. $L\left[\frac{1-e^t}{t}\right] = \int_s^\infty L[1-e^t]ds = \int_s^\infty \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s-1}\right)ds$

$$= \left[\log s - \log(s-1)\right]_s^\infty = \log\left(\frac{s}{s-1}\right)_s^\infty$$

$$= \log\left(\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{s}}\right)_s^\infty = \log 1 - \log\left(\frac{s}{s-1}\right)$$

$$= \log\left(\frac{s-1}{s}\right).$$

Example Find the Laplace transform of $\frac{1-e^{-t}}{t}$. [Dec 2013]

Solution. $L\left[\frac{1-e^{-t}}{t}\right] = \int_s^\infty L[1-e^{-t}]ds = \int_s^\infty \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1}\right)ds$

$$= \left[\log s - \log(s+1)\right]_s^\infty = \left[\log \frac{s}{s+1}\right]_s^\infty$$

$$= \left[\log\left(\frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{s}}\right)\right]_s^\infty = \log 1 - \log\left(\frac{s}{s+1}\right)$$

$$= \log\left(\frac{s+1}{s}\right).$$

PROBLEMS

Example . Find $L\left[\frac{\sin 2t}{t}\right]$.

[Jan 2006]

Solution.
$$L\left[\frac{\sin 2t}{t}\right] = \int_s^\infty L[\sin 2t] ds = \int_s^\infty \frac{2}{s^2 + 4} ds$$
$$= 2 \frac{1}{2} \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{s}{2} \right)_s^\infty = \tan^{-1} \infty - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{2} \right)$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{2} \right)$$
$$= \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{2} \right).$$

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Example Find $L\left[\frac{1 - \cos 2t}{t}\right]$.

[Apr 2004]

Solution.
$$L\left[\frac{1 - \cos 2t}{t}\right] = \int_s^\infty L[1 - \cos 2t] ds = \int_s^\infty \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{s^2 + 4}\right) ds$$

$$= \log s - \frac{1}{2} \int_s^\infty \frac{2s}{s^2 + 4} ds$$

$$= \left[\log s - \frac{1}{2} \log(s^2 + 4) \right]_s^\infty$$

$$= \left[\log \frac{s}{\sqrt{s^2 + 4}} \right]_s^\infty$$

$$= \log \frac{\sqrt{s^2 + 4}}{s}.$$

Example Find $L\left[\frac{\sin at}{t}\right]$.

[Dec 2009]

Solution.
$$L\left[\frac{\sin at}{t}\right] = \int_s^\infty L[\sin at] ds = \int_s^\infty \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2} ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{s}{a} \right)_s^\infty = \tan^{-1} \infty - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{a} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{a} \right) = \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{a} \right).$$

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$$\text{Find } L\left[\frac{\cos at - \cos bt}{t}\right].$$

[Dec 2012, May 2011, Dec 2007]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution. } L\left[\frac{\cos at - \cos bt}{t}\right] &= \int_s^\infty L[\cos at - \cos bt] ds \\ &= \int_s^\infty \left(\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} - \frac{s}{s^2 + b^2}\right) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\log(s^2 + a^2) - \log(s^2 + b^2) \right]_s^\infty \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\log \frac{s^2 + a^2}{s^2 + b^2} \right]_s^\infty = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{s^2 + b^2}{s^2 + a^2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Example Find } L\left[\frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t}\right].$$

[May 2006]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution. } L\left[\frac{e^{-at} - e^{-bt}}{t}\right] &= \int_s^\infty L[e^{-at} - e^{-bt}] ds = \int_s^\infty \left(\frac{1}{s+a} - \frac{1}{s+b}\right) ds \\ &= \left[\log(s+a) - \log(s+b) \right]_s^\infty = \left[\log \frac{s+a}{s+b} \right]_s^\infty \\ &= \log \frac{s+b}{s+a}. \end{aligned}$$

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Find the Laplace transform of $\frac{e^{at} - e^{-bt}}{t}$.

[Jun 2012]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution. } L\left[\frac{e^{at} - e^{-bt}}{t}\right] &= \int_s^\infty L[e^{at} - e^{-bt}] ds = \int_s^\infty \left(\frac{1}{s-a} - \frac{1}{s+b}\right) ds \\ &= [\log(s-a) - \log(s+b)]_s^\infty = \left[\log \frac{s-a}{s+b}\right]_s^\infty \\ &= \log \frac{s+b}{s-a}. \end{aligned}$$

Example Find $L\left[\frac{e^{-3t} \sin 2t}{t}\right]$.

[May 2007]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution. } L\left[\frac{e^{-3t} \sin 2t}{t}\right] &= \int_s^\infty L[e^{-3t} \sin 2t] ds = \int_s^\infty L[\sin 2t]_{s \rightarrow s+3} ds \\ &= \int_s^\infty \frac{2}{(s+3)^2 + 2^2} ds \\ &= 2 \frac{1}{2} \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{s+3}{2}\right)_s^\infty \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{s+3}{2}\right) \\ &= \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{s+3}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

LAPLACE TRANSFORMS OF PERIODIC FUNCTIONS

Laplace transform of periodic functions

A function $f(t)$ is said to be periodic if there exists a positive constant T such that $f(t + T) = f(t)$ for all t . The smallest of such T is called the period of the function.

Example. $\sin(t + 2\pi) = \sin t$. Sine function is a periodic function with period 2π .

Theorem. If $f(t)$ is a periodic function with period T , then

$$L[f(t)] = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt.$$

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Example Find the Laplace transform of the rectangular wave function given by $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < t < b \\ -1 & b < t < 2b \end{cases}$ with $f(t + 2b) = f(t)$. [May 2009]

Solution. Since $f(t + 2b) = f(t)$, it is a periodic function with period $2b$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L[f(t)] &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2bs}} \int_0^{2b} e^{-st} f(t) dt = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2bs}} \left[\int_0^b e^{-st} f(t) dt + \int_b^{2b} e^{-st} f(t) dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2bs}} \left[\int_0^b e^{-st} dt - \int_b^{2b} e^{-st} dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2bs}} \left[\left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right)_0^b - \left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right)_b^{2b} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2bs}} \left(-\frac{1}{s}(e^{-bs} - 1) + \frac{1}{s}(e^{-2bs} - e^{-bs}) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{s(1 - e^{-2bs})} \left(-e^{-bs} + 1 + e^{-2bs} - e^{-bs} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{s(1 - e^{-2bs})} \left(1 - 2e^{-bs} + e^{-2bs} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{s(1 - (e^{-bs})^2)} \left(1 - 2e^{-bs} + (e^{-bs})^2 \right) \\
&= \frac{(1 - e^{-bs})^2}{s(1 - e^{-bs})(1 + e^{-bs})} = \frac{1 - e^{-bs}}{s(1 + e^{-bs})} = \frac{e^{\frac{bs}{2}} - e^{-\frac{bs}{2}}}{s(e^{\frac{bs}{2}} + e^{-\frac{bs}{2}})} = \frac{1}{s} \tanh \left(\frac{bs}{2} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Example Find the Laplace transform of the square-wave function (or Meoander function) of period a defined as $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } 0 < t < \frac{a}{2} \\ -1 & \text{when } \frac{a}{2} < t < a. \end{cases}$ [Jun 2013]

Solution. Since $f(t)$ is a periodic function of period a , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 L[f(t)] &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-as}} \int_0^a e^{-st} f(t) dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-as}} \left[\int_0^{\frac{a}{2}} e^{-st} f(t) dt + \int_{\frac{a}{2}}^a e^{-st} f(t) dt \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-as}} \left[\int_0^{\frac{a}{2}} e^{-st} dt + \int_{\frac{a}{2}}^a e^{-st} (-1) dt \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-as}} \left[\left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right)_0^{\frac{a}{2}} - \left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right)_{\frac{a}{2}}^a \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{s(1 - e^{-as})} \left[-\left(e^{-\frac{a}{2}s} - 1 \right) + e^{-as} - e^{-\frac{a}{2}s} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{s(1 - e^{-as})} \left[1 - 2e^{-\frac{a}{2}s} + e^{-as} \right] \\
 &= \frac{(1 - e^{-\frac{a}{2}s})^2}{s(1 - e^{-\frac{a}{2}s})(1 + e^{-\frac{a}{2}s})} \\
 &= \frac{1 - e^{-\frac{a}{2}s}}{s(1 + e^{-\frac{a}{2}s})} \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{e^{\frac{as}{4}} - e^{-\frac{as}{4}}}{e^{\frac{as}{4}} + e^{-\frac{as}{4}}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} \tanh \left(\frac{as}{4} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Example Find the Laplace transform of a square wave function given by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \epsilon & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{a}{2} \\ -\epsilon & \text{for } \frac{a}{2} \leq t \leq a \end{cases}$$

and $f(t+a) = f(t)$.

[Dec 2011]

Solution. Since $f(t+a) = f(t)$, $f(t)$ is a periodic function of period a .

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L[f(t)] &= \frac{1}{1-e^{-as}} \int_0^a e^{-st} f(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{1-e^{-as}} \left[\int_0^{\frac{a}{2}} e^{-st} f(t) dt + \int_{\frac{a}{2}}^a e^{-st} f(t) dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1-e^{-as}} \left[\int_0^{\frac{a}{2}} e^{-st} \epsilon dt + \int_{\frac{a}{2}}^a e^{-st} (-\epsilon) dt \right] \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{1-e^{-as}} \left[\left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right)_0^{\frac{a}{2}} - \left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right)_{\frac{a}{2}}^a \right] \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{s(1-e^{-as})} \left[-\left(e^{-\frac{sa}{2}} - 1 \right) + e^{-as} - e^{-\frac{as}{2}} \right] \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{s(1-e^{-as})} \left[1 - 2e^{-\frac{as}{2}} + e^{-as} \right] \\ &= \frac{\epsilon (1 - e^{-\frac{as}{2}})^2}{s(1 + e^{-\frac{as}{2}})(1 - e^{-\frac{as}{2}})} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} &= \frac{\epsilon (1 - e^{-\frac{as}{2}})}{s(1 + e^{-\frac{as}{2}})} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{s} \cdot \frac{e^{\frac{as}{4}} - e^{-\frac{as}{4}}}{e^{\frac{as}{4}} + e^{-\frac{as}{4}}} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{s} \tanh h \left(\frac{as}{4} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Example Find the Laplace transform of $f(t) = \begin{cases} \epsilon & 0 \leq t \leq a \\ -\epsilon & a \leq t \leq 2a \end{cases}$

and $f(t + 2a) = f(t)$ for all t .

[Dec 2010]

Solution. Since $f(t + 2a) = f(t)$ for all t , $f(t)$ is a periodic function with period $2a$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L[f(t)] &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2as}} \int_0^{2a} e^{-st} f(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2as}} \left[\int_0^a e^{-st} f(t) dt + \int_a^{2a} e^{-st} f(t) dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2as}} \left[\int_0^a e^{-st} \epsilon dt + \int_a^{2a} e^{-st} (-\epsilon) dt \right] \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{1 - e^{-2as}} \left[\left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right)_0^a - \left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right)_a^{2a} \right] \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{s(1 - e^{-2as})} \left[-(e^{-as} - 1) + e^{-2as} - e^{-as} \right] \\ &= \frac{\epsilon(1 - 2e^{-as} + e^{-2as})}{s(1 - e^{-as})(1 + e^{-as})} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon(1 - e^{-as})^2}{s(1 - e^{-as})(1 + e^{-as})} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon(1 - e^{-as})}{s(1 + e^{-as})} = \frac{\epsilon \left(e^{\frac{as}{2}} - e^{-\frac{as}{2}} \right)}{s \left(e^{\frac{as}{2}} + e^{-\frac{as}{2}} \right)} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{s} \tanh \left(\frac{as}{2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

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Example Find the Laplace transform of the triangular wave function defined by $f(t) = \begin{cases} t & 0 \leq t \leq a \\ 2a - t & a < t \leq 2a \end{cases}$ and $f(t)$ is of period $2a$. [May 2015, May 2011]

Solution. Since $f(t)$ is of period $2a$, we have

$$L[f(t)] = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2as}} \int_0^{2a} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2as}} \left[\int_0^a e^{-st} f(t) dt + \int_a^{2a} e^{-st} f(t) dt \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2as}} \left[\int_0^a e^{-st} t dt + \int_a^{2a} e^{-st} (2a - t) dt \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2as}} \left[\int_0^a t d\left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s}\right) + \int_a^{2a} (2a - t) d\left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s}\right) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2as}} \left[\left(t \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right)_0^a - \int_0^a \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} dt + \left((2a - t) \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right)_a^{2a} - \int_a^{2a} \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} (-dt) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2as}} \left[a \frac{e^{-as}}{-s} + \frac{1}{s} \left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right)_0^a + 0 + \frac{a}{s} e^{-as} - \frac{1}{s} \left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right)_a^{2a} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2as}} \left[-a \frac{e^{-as}}{s} - \frac{1}{s^2} (e^{-as} - 1) + \frac{a}{s} e^{-as} + \frac{1}{s^2} (e^{-2as} - e^{-as}) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2as}} \left[-a \frac{e^{-as}}{s} - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-as} + \frac{1}{s^2} + a \frac{e^{-as}}{s} + \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-2as} - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-as} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2as}} \left[\frac{e^{-2as} - e^{-as} - e^{-as} + 1}{s^2} \right] = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-as}} \left[\frac{1 - 2e^{-2as} + e^{-2as}}{s^2} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{(1 - e^{-as})(1 + e^{-as})} \cdot \frac{(1 - e^{-as})^2}{s^2} = \frac{(1 - e^{-as})}{s^2 (1 + e^{-as})} \\
&= \frac{e^{\frac{as}{2}} - e^{-\frac{as}{2}}}{s^2 (e^{\frac{as}{2}} + e^{-\frac{as}{2}})} = \frac{1}{s^2} \tanh \left(\frac{as}{2} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Example Find the Laplace transform of the half-sine wave rectifier function

defined by $f(t) = \begin{cases} \sin \omega t & 0 < t < \frac{\pi}{\omega} \\ 0 & \frac{\pi}{\omega} < t < \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \end{cases}$ [Jun 2014, Dec 2012]

Solution. $f(t)$ is defined in the interval $(0, \frac{2\pi}{\omega})$

$$f\left(t + \frac{2\pi}{\omega}\right) = \sin \omega\left(t + \frac{2\pi}{\omega}\right) = \sin(\omega t + 2\pi) = \sin \omega t = f(t)$$

$\therefore f(t)$ is periodic with period $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We know that, } L[f(t)] &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \int_0^T f(t)e^{-st} dt = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\frac{s2\pi}{\omega}}} \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} e^{-st} \sin \omega t dt \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\frac{s2\pi}{\omega}}} \left[\frac{e^{-st}}{s^2 + \omega^2} [-s \sin \omega t - \omega \cos \omega t] \right]_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\frac{s2\pi}{\omega}}} \left[\frac{e^{-\frac{s2\pi}{\omega}}}{s^2 + \omega^2} [-s \cdot 0 - \omega(-1)] - \frac{-\omega}{\omega^2 + s^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(1 - e^{-\frac{s2\pi}{\omega}})(s^2 + \omega^2)} \left\{ \omega e^{-\frac{s2\pi}{\omega}} + \omega \right\} \\ &= \frac{\omega(1 + e^{-\frac{s2\pi}{\omega}})}{(s^2 + \omega^2)(1 - e^{-\frac{s2\pi}{\omega}})(1 + e^{-\frac{s2\pi}{\omega}})} = \frac{\omega}{(s^2 + \omega^2)(1 - e^{-\frac{s2\pi}{\omega}})} \end{aligned}$$

Example Find the Laplace transform of the saw-toothed wave function of period T given by $f(t) = \frac{t}{T}, 0 < t < T$.

Solution. Since $f(t)$ is a periodic function of period T, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 L[f(t)] &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \int_0^T e^{-st} \frac{t}{T} dt = \frac{1}{T(1 - e^{-sT})} \int_0^T t d\left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{T(1 - e^{-sT})} \left[\left(\frac{te^{-st}}{-s}\right)_0^T - \int_0^T \frac{e^{-st}}{-s} dt \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{T(1 - e^{-sT})} \left[\frac{Te^{-sT}}{-s} + \frac{1}{s} \left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s}\right)_0^T \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{sT(1 - e^{-sT})} \left[-Te^{-sT} - \frac{1}{s}(e^{-sT} - 1) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{sT(1 - e^{-sT})} \left[\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s}e^{-sT} - Te^{-sT} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{sT(1 - e^{-sT})} \left[\frac{1 - e^{-sT}}{s} - Te^{-sT} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{Ts^2} - \frac{e^{-sT}}{s(1 - e^{-sT})}.
 \end{aligned}$$

INITIAL AND FINAL VALUE THEOREM

Initial value theorem. If the Laplace transform of $f(t)$ and $f'(t)$ exist and $L[f(t)] = F(s)$, then $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$.

Proof. By Laplace transform of derivative of $f(t)$ we have

$$L[f'(t)] = sL[f(t)] - f(0).$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt = sF(s) - f(0).$$

Taking limit as $s \rightarrow \infty$ we obtain.

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) - f(0).$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) - f(0).$$

$$0 = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) - f(0).$$

$$f(0) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s).$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s).$$

Final value theorem. If the Laplace transform of $f(t)$ and $f'(t)$ exist and $F(s) = L[f(t)]$, then $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$. [Dec 2014]

Proof. We have $L[f'(t)] = sL[f(t)] - f(0)$.

$$\text{ie., } \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt = sF(s) - f(0).$$

Taking limit as $s \rightarrow 0$ we obtain.

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) - f(0).$$

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$$\int_0^{\infty} f'(t) dt = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) - f(0).$$

$$[f(t)]_0^{\infty} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) - f(0).$$

$$f(\infty) - f(0) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) - f(0)$$

$$f(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$$

$$\therefore \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s).$$

UNIT STEP FUNCTION

Unit Step Function. The unit step function u is defined as

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } t \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

$u(t)$ has jump discontinuity at $t = 0$.

$$\text{More generally we define } u(t - a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < a \\ 1 & \text{if } t \geq a. \end{cases}$$

Laplace transform of unit step function

[Jun 2010]

$$\begin{aligned} L[u(t - a)] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} u(t - a) dt = \int_0^a e^{-st} u(t - a) dt + \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} u(t - a) dt \\ &= \int_0^a e^{-st} \cdot 0 dt + \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} dt = 0 + \left(\frac{e^{-st}}{-s} \right)_a^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{-1}{s} [0 - e^{-as}] = \frac{e^{-as}}{s} \text{ if } s > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Second Shifting property

If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$, then $L[f(t - a)u(t - a)] = e^{-as}F(s) = e^{-as}L[f(t)]$.

Proof. We have $u(t - a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < a \\ 1 & \text{if } t \geq a. \end{cases}$

UNIT STEP FUNCTION

$$\text{Now } f(t-a)u(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < a \\ f(t-a) & \text{if } t \geq a. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L[f(t-a)u(t-a)] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t-a)u(t-a) dt \\ &= \int_0^a e^{-st} f(t-a)u(t-a) dt + \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t-a)u(t-a) dt \\ &= \int_0^a e^{-st} 0 dt + \int_a^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t-a) dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } t-a = x \quad \text{When } t = a, x = 0.$$

$$dt = dx \quad \text{When } t = \infty, x = \infty.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L[f(t-a)u(t-a)] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s(a+x)} f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-as-sx} f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-as} e^{-sx} f(x) dx \\ &= e^{-as} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-sx} f(x) dx = e^{-as} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = e^{-as} F(s). \end{aligned}$$

UNIT IMPULSE FUNCTION

Note. The second shifting property can be stated as follows.

If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$, then $L[f(t-a)u(t-a)] = e^{-as}L[f(t)]$ where $u(t-a)$ is the unit step function.

The unit impulse function. For any positive ϵ , the impulse function δ_ϵ is

defined as $\delta_\epsilon(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\epsilon}(u(t) - u(t-\epsilon)), & 0 \leq t < \epsilon \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$

Dirac delta function. $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \delta_\epsilon(t)$ is called the Dirac delta function, denoted by $\delta(t)$.

$$\therefore \delta(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \neq 0 \\ \infty, & t = 0 \end{cases}$$

In general $\delta(t-a) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \neq a \\ \infty, & t = a. \end{cases}$

RESULTS

Results. 1. Find $L[\delta_\epsilon(t - a)]$.

Solution

By the definition, $\delta_\epsilon(t - a) = \frac{1}{\epsilon}(u(t - a) - u(t - a - \epsilon))$ if $a \leq t \leq a + \epsilon$ [$0 \leq t - a < \epsilon$].

$$\text{Now, } L[\delta_\epsilon(t - a)] = \frac{1}{\epsilon} [L[u(t - a) - u(t - a - \epsilon)]] = \frac{1}{\epsilon} [L[u(t - a)] - L[u(t - a) - \epsilon]]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\epsilon} [L[u(t - a)] - L[u(t - (a + \epsilon))]] = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\frac{e^{-as}}{s} - \frac{e^{-(a+\epsilon)s}}{s} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\frac{e^{-as}}{s} - \frac{e^{-as} \cdot e^{-\epsilon s}}{s} \right]$$

$$L[\delta_\epsilon(t - a)] = \frac{1}{\epsilon s} e^{-as} (1 - e^{-\epsilon s})$$

Taking limit as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ we obtain

$$L[\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \delta_\epsilon(t - a)] = e^{-as} \lim_{\epsilon s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - e^{-\epsilon s}}{\epsilon s}$$

$$L[\delta(t - a)] = e^{-as} \cdot 1 \quad \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - e^x}{x} = 1 \right]$$

$$= e^{-as}.$$

2. When $a = 0$, $L[\delta(t)] = 1$.

3. One important property of Dirac Delta function is $\int_0^{\infty} f(t)\delta(t - a)dt = f(a)$.

PROBLEMS

Example If $f(t) = \begin{cases} \cos\left(t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right), & t > \frac{2\pi}{3} \\ 0, & t < \frac{2\pi}{3} \end{cases}$ find $L[f(t)]$. [Apr 2010]

Solution. Let $g\left(t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = f(t) = \begin{cases} \cos\left(t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right), & t > \frac{2\pi}{3} \\ 0, & t < \frac{2\pi}{3} \end{cases}$.

$$\text{Now } L[f(t)] = L\left[g\left(t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right] = e^{-\frac{2\pi s}{3}} L[g(t)] = e^{-\frac{2\pi s}{3}} L[\cos t] = e^{-\frac{2\pi s}{3}} \frac{s}{s^2 + 1}.$$

Example Find $L[(t-1)^2 u(t-1)]$.

Solution. $L[(t-1)^2 u(t-1)] = e^{-s} L[t^2] = e^{-s} \frac{2}{s^3} = \frac{2e^{-s}}{s^3}$.

Example Find $L[e^{-4t} u(t-1)]$.

Solution. $L[e^{-4t} u(t-1)] = L[e^{-4(t-1+1)} u(t-1)] = L[e^{-4(t-1)-4} u(t-1)]$
 $= e^{-4} e^{-s} L[e^{-4t}] = e^{-4} e^{-s} \frac{1}{s+4} = \frac{e^{-(4+s)}}{s+4}$.

PROBLEMS

Example Verify the initial value theorem for the function $2 + 3 \cos t$.

Solution. $f(t) = 2 + 3 \cos t$

$$L[f(t)] = L[2 + 3 \cos t] = 2L[1] + 3L[\cos t]$$

$$= 2 \frac{1}{s} + 3 \frac{s}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$= \frac{2}{s} + \frac{3s}{s^2 + 1} = F(s)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (2 + 3 \cos t) = 2 + 3 \cos 0 = 2 + 3 = 5.$$

$$\therefore \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s \left(\frac{2}{s} + \frac{3s}{s^2 + 1} \right) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(2 + \frac{3s^2}{s^2 + 1} \right)$$

$$= 2 + 3 \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{s^2}{s^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{s^2} \right)} \right)$$

$$= 2 + 3 \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{s^2}} \right) = 2 + 3 = 5.$$

$$\therefore \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s).$$

PROBLEMS

Verify the initial and final value theorems for the function

$$f(t) = ae^{-bt}.$$

[Jun 2013, May 1997]

Solution. Let $f(t) = ae^{-bt}$.

$$L[f(t)] = \frac{a}{s+b} = F(s)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} ae^{-bt} = a$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{as}{s+b} = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{as}{s(1 + \frac{b}{s})} = a$$

$$\therefore \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} ae^{-bt} = 0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} ae^{-st} = 0$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{as}{s^2 + a^2} = 0$$

$$\therefore \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s).$$

PROBLEMS

Verify the initial value theorem for the function

$$f(t) = 1 + e^{-t}(\sin t + \cos t).$$

[Jun 2012, Dec 2010, Jun 2010]

Solution. Let $f(t) = 1 + e^{-t}(\sin t + \cos t)$.

$$\begin{aligned} L[f(t)] &= L[1 + e^{-t}(\sin t + \cos t)] \\ &= L[1] + L[e^{-t}(\sin t + \cos t)] \\ &= \frac{1}{s} + L[\sin t + \cos t]_{s \rightarrow s+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{s} + L\left[\frac{1}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{s}{s^2 + 1}\right]_{s \rightarrow s+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{s} + \left[\frac{s+1}{s^2 + 1}\right]_{s \rightarrow s+1} \\ F(s) &= \frac{1}{s} + \frac{s+2}{(s+1)^2 + 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [1 + e^{-t}(\sin t + \cos t)] = 1 + 1 = 2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[1 + \frac{s(s+2)}{(s+1)^2 + 1}\right] \\ &= 1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s^2(1 + \frac{2}{s})}{s^2(1 + \frac{1}{s})^2 + \frac{1}{s^2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{1} = 2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s).$$

STANDARD RESULTS

Standard Results

$$1. L[1] = \frac{1}{s} \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right] = 1.$$

$$2. L[e^{at}] = \frac{1}{s-a} \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-a}\right] = e^{at}.$$

$$3. L[e^{-at}] = \frac{1}{s+a} \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+a}\right] = e^{-at}.$$

$$4. L[t] = \frac{1}{s^2} \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right] = t.$$

$$5. L[t^n] = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left[\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}\right] = t^n.$$

$$6. L[\cosh at] = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2} \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}\right] = \cosh at.$$

STANDARD RESULTS

$$7. L[\sinh at] = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2} \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left[\frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}\right] = \sinh at.$$

$$8. L[\cos at] = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}\right] = \cos at.$$

$$9. L[\sin at] = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2} \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left[\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}\right] = \sin at.$$

$$10. L[t \sin at] = \frac{2as}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left[\frac{2as}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}\right] = t \sin at.$$

$$11. L[t \cos at] = \frac{s^2 - a^2}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} \Rightarrow L^{-1}\left[\frac{s^2 - a^2}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}\right] = t \cos at.$$

PROPERTIES OF INVERSE LT

Basic theorems

1. $L^{-1}[aF(s) + bG(s)] = aL^{-1}[F(s)] + bL^{-1}[G(s)]$ where a and b are constants.

Shifting theorems

2. (i) If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$, then

$$L[e^{-at}f(t)] = F(s + a)$$

$$\Rightarrow L^{-1}[F(s + a)] = e^{-at}f(t) = e^{-at}L^{-1}[F(s)]$$

(ii) $L[e^{at}f(t)] = F(s - a)$

$$\Rightarrow L^{-1}[F(s - a)] = e^{at}f(t) = e^{at}L^{-1}[F(s)].$$

PROBLEMS OF INVERSE LT

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s+4} + \frac{1}{s^2+4} + \frac{s}{s^2-9}\right]$. [Jan 2008]

Solution. $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s+4} + \frac{1}{s^2+4} + \frac{s}{s^2-9}\right]$

$$= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right] + L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+4}\right] + L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+4}\right] + L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2-9}\right]$$

$$= t + e^{-4t} + \frac{1}{2}L^{-1}\left[\frac{2}{s^2+4}\right] + \cosh 3t$$

$$= t + e^{-4t} + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t + \cosh 3t.$$

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s^2-3s+4}{s^3}\right]$.

Solution. $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s^2-3s+4}{s^3}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s} - \frac{3}{s^2} + \frac{4}{s^3}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right] - 3L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right] + 4L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3}\right]$

$$= 1 - 3t + \frac{4}{2}L^{-1}\left[\frac{2}{s^3}\right] = 1 - 3t + 2t^2.$$

PROBLEMS OF INVERSE LT

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{3s+5}{s^2+9}\right]$.

Solution.
$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{3s+5}{s^2+9}\right] = 3L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+9}\right] + 5L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+9}\right] = 3 \cos 3t + \frac{5}{3} \sin 3t$$

$$= \frac{9 \cos 3t + 5 \sin 3t}{3}.$$

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{3s+2}{s^2-4}\right]$.

Solution.
$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{3s+2}{s^2-4}\right] = 3L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2-4}\right] + L^{-1}\left[\frac{2}{s^2-4}\right] = 3 \cosh 2t + \sinh 2t.$$

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{a^2s^2+b^2}\right]$.

Solution.
$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{a^2s^2+b^2}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{a^2(s^2+\frac{b^2}{a^2})}\right] = \frac{1}{a^2}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+\frac{b^2}{a^2}}\right] = \frac{1}{a^2} \cos\left(\frac{b}{a}t\right).$$

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-3)^5}\right]$.

Solution.
$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-3)^5}\right] = e^{3t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^5}\right] = \frac{e^{3t}}{4!}t^4 = \frac{e^{3t}t^4}{24}.$$

PROBLEMS OF INVERSE LT

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s+6)^3}\right]$.

Solution.
$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s+6)^3}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+6-6}{(s+6)^3}\right] = e^{-6t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s-6}{s^3}\right] = e^{-6t}\left[L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right] - 6L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3}\right]\right]$$

$$= e^{-6t}\left[t - \frac{6}{2}t^2\right] = e^{-6t}[t - 3t^2].$$

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+3}{s^2-4s+13}\right]$.

Solution.
$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+3}{s^2-4s+13}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+3}{(s-2)^2+13-4}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+3}{(s-2)^2+9}\right]$$

$$= L^{-1}\left[\frac{s-2+2+3}{(s-2)^2+9}\right]$$

$$= e^{2t}\left\{L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+9}\right] + L^{-1}\left[\frac{5}{s^2+9}\right]\right\}$$

$$= e^{2t}\left[\cos 3t + \frac{5}{3}\sin 3t\right].$$

PROBLEMS OF INVERSE LT

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 - 4s + 5}\right]$.

Solution.
$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 - 4s + 5}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s-2)^2 + 5 - 4}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{s-2+2}{(s-2)^2 + 1}\right]$$

$$= e^{2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+2}{s^2 + 1}\right]$$

$$= e^{2t}\left[L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 + 1}\right] + 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2 + 1}\right]\right]$$

$$= e^{2t}[\cos t + 2 \sin t].$$

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2 + 4s + 2}\right]$.

[Dec 2010]

Solution.
$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2 + 4s + 2}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+2)^2 + 2 - 4}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+2)^2 - 2}\right]$$

$$= e^{-2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2 - (\sqrt{2})^2}\right]$$

$$= \frac{e^{-2t}}{\sqrt{2}}L^{-1}\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{s^2 - (\sqrt{2})^2}\right]$$

$$= \frac{e^{-2t}}{\sqrt{2}}\sin(\sqrt{2}t).$$

PROBLEMS OF INVERSE LT

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{2s-3}{s^2+4s+13}\right]$.

Solution.
$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{2s-3}{s^2+4s+13}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{2s-3}{(s+2)^2+13-4}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{2(s+2)-7}{(s+2)^2+9}\right]$$

$$= e^{-2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{2s-7}{s^2+9}\right] = e^{-2t}\left[2L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+9}\right] - 7L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+9}\right]\right]$$

$$= e^{-2t}\left[2\cos 3t - \frac{7}{3}\sin 3t\right] = \frac{e^{-2t}}{3}\left[6\cos 3t - 7\sin 3t\right].$$

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s+2)^2+1}\right]$.

[May 2007]

Solution.
$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s+2)^2+1}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+2-2}{(s+2)^2+1}\right] = e^{-2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s-2}{s^2+1}\right]$$

$$= e^{-2t}\left[L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+1}\right] - 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+1}\right]\right]$$

$$= e^{-2t}[\cos t - 2\sin t].$$

PROBLEMS OF INVERSE LT

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s+3)^2}\right]$. [Dec 2009]

Solution. $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s+3)^2}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+3-3}{(s+3)^2}\right] = e^{-3t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s-3}{s^2}\right]$

$$= e^{-3t}\left[L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s} - \frac{3}{s^2}\right]\right] = e^{-3t}\left[L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right] - L^{-1}\left[\frac{3}{s^2}\right]\right]$$

$$= e^{-3t}[1 - 3t].$$

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-4)^5} + \frac{5}{(s-2)^2 + 25} + \frac{s+3}{(s+3)^2 + 36}\right]$. [Dec 2007]

Solution. $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-4)^5} + \frac{5}{(s-2)^2 + 25} + \frac{s+3}{(s+3)^2 + 36}\right]$

$$= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-4)^5}\right] + L^{-1}\left[\frac{5}{(s-2)^2 + 25}\right] + L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+3}{(s+3)^2 + 36}\right]$$

$$= e^{4t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^5}\right] + e^{2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{5}{s^2 + 25}\right] + e^{-3t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 + 36}\right]$$

$$= e^{4t}\frac{t}{4!} + e^{2t}\sin 5t + e^{-3t}\cos 6t$$

$$= e^{4t}\frac{t}{24} + e^{2t}\sin 5t + e^{-3t}\cos 6t.$$

INVERSE LT BY PARTIAL FRACTION METHOD

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+3)}\right]$. [May 2008]

Solution. Let $\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+3)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s+3}$

$$1 = A(s+3) + B(s+1)$$

Put $s = -1, 1 = 2A \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}$.

Put $s = -3, 1 = -2B \Rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{2}$.

$$\therefore \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+3)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{s+1} - \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{s+3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+3)}\right] &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{s+1} - \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{s+3}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+1}\right] - \frac{1}{2}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+3}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(e^{-t} - e^{-3t}). \end{aligned}$$

INVERSE LT BY PARTIAL FRACTION METHOD

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s(s+3)^3}\right]$.

[Nov 2005]

Solution. Let $\frac{1}{s(s+3)^3} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+3} + \frac{C}{(s+3)^2} + \frac{D}{(s+3)^3}$.

$$1 = A(s+3)^3 + Bs(s+3)^2 + Cs(s+3) + Ds.$$

$$\text{When } s = 0, 1 = 27A \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{27}.$$

$$\text{When } s = -3, 1 = -3D \Rightarrow D = \frac{-1}{3}.$$

Equating the coeff. of s^3 we get

$$A + B = 0 \Rightarrow B = -A = \frac{-1}{27}.$$

Equating the coeff. of s^2 we

$$9A + 6B + C = 0$$

$$9 \times \frac{1}{27} + 6\left(\frac{-1}{27}\right) + C = 0$$

$$\frac{9}{27} - \left(\frac{6}{27}\right) + C = 0$$

$$\frac{3}{27} + C = 0$$

$$C = -\frac{1}{9}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{1}{s(s+3)^3} &= \frac{\frac{1}{27}}{s} - \frac{\frac{1}{27}}{s+3} - \frac{\frac{1}{9}}{(s+3)^2} + \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{(s+3)^3} \\ L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s(s+3)^3}\right] &= \frac{1}{27}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right] - \frac{1}{27}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+3}\right] - \frac{1}{9}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+3)^2}\right] + \frac{1}{3}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+3)^3}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{27} \times 1 - \frac{1}{27}e^{-3t} - \frac{1}{9}e^{-3t}t - \frac{1}{3}e^{-3t}\frac{t^2}{2!} \\ &= \frac{1}{27} - \frac{e^{-3t}}{27} - \frac{e^{-3t}t}{9} - \frac{t^2e^{-3t}}{6}. \end{aligned}$$

INVERSE LT BY PARTIAL FRACTION METHOD

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{2s+1}{(s+2)^2(s-1)^2}\right]$.

Solution. Let $\frac{2s+1}{(s+2)^2(s-1)^2} = \frac{A}{s+2} + \frac{B}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{C}{s-1} + \frac{D}{(s-1)^2}$

$$= \frac{A(s+2)(s-1)^2 + B(s-1)^2 + C(s-1)(s+2)^2 + D(s+2)^2}{(s+2)^2(s-1)^2}$$

$$\therefore 2s+1 = A(s+2)(s-1)^2 + B(s-1)^2 + C(s-1)(s+2)^2 + D(s+2)^2.$$

When $s = -2$

When $s = 1$

$$9B = -3 \Rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{3}. \quad 9D = 3 \Rightarrow D = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Equating the coefficients of s^3 we get

$$A + C = 0. \tag{1}$$

Equating the constants we get

$$2A + B - 4C + 4D = 1$$

$$2A - \frac{1}{3} - 4C + \frac{4}{3} = 1$$

$$2A - 4C + 1 = 1$$

$$2A - 4C = 0$$

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$$A - 2C = 0. \quad (2)$$

$$(1) - (2) \Rightarrow 3C = 0 \Rightarrow C = 0.$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow A = 0.$$

$$\therefore \frac{2s+1}{(s+2)^2(s-1)^2} = \frac{-\frac{1}{3}}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{(s-1)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } L^{-1}\left[\frac{2s+1}{(s+2)^2(s-1)^2}\right] &= -\frac{1}{3}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+2)^2}\right] + \frac{1}{3}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s-1)^2}\right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{3}e^{-2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right] + \frac{1}{3}e^tL^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{3}e^{-2t}t + \frac{1}{3}e^t t = \frac{t}{3}(e^t - e^{-2t}). \end{aligned}$$

INVERSE LT BY PARTIAL FRACTION METHOD

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{5s+3}{(s-1)(s^2+2s+5)}\right]$.

Solution. Let $\frac{5s+3}{(s-1)(s^2+2s+5)} = \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{Bs+C}{s^2+2s+5}$

$$5s+3 = A(s^2+2s+5) + (Bs+C)(s-1)$$

Put $s = 1 \Rightarrow 8A = 8 \Rightarrow A = 1$.

Equating the coeff. $s^2 \Rightarrow A + B = 0 \Rightarrow B = -1$.

$s = 0 \Rightarrow 5A - C = 3 \Rightarrow C = 5 - 3 = 2$.

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1}\left[\frac{5s+3}{(s-1)(s^2+2s+5)}\right] &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{-s+2}{s^2+2s+5}\right] \\ &= e^t - L^{-1}\left[\frac{s-2}{(s+1)^2+5-1}\right] \\ &= e^t - L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+1-3}{(s+1)^2+4}\right] \\ &= e^t - e^{-t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s-3}{s^2+4}\right] \\ &= e^t - e^{-t}\left[\cos 2t - \frac{3}{2}\sin 2t\right] \\ &= e^t - \frac{e^{-t}}{2}[2\cos 2t - 3\sin 2t]. \end{aligned}$$

INVERSE LT BY PARTIAL FRACTION METHOD

Example Find $L^{-1} \left[\frac{3s^2 + 16s + 26}{s(s^2 + 4s + 13)} \right]$. [Dec 2013]

Solution. Let $\frac{3s^2 + 16s + 26}{s(s^2 + 4s + 13)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{Bs + c}{s^2 + 4s + 13}$
 $3s^2 + 16s + 26 = A(s^2 + 4s + 13) + (Bs + c)s.$

When $s = 0$, $13A = 26 \Rightarrow A = 2.$

Equating the coefficients of s^2

$$A + B = 3$$

$$2 + B = 3$$

$$B = 1.$$

Equating the coefficients of s

$$4A + c = 16$$

$$8 + c = 16$$

$$c = 8.$$

$$\therefore \frac{3s^2 + 16s + 26}{s(s^2 + 4s + 13)} = \frac{2}{s} + \frac{s + 8}{s^2 + 4s + 13}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
L^{-1} \left[\frac{3s^2 + 16s + 26}{s(s^2 + 4s + 13)} \right] &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{2}{s} + \frac{s + 8}{s^2 + 4s + 13} \right] \\
&= 2L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s} \right] + L^{-1} \left[\frac{s + 8}{s^2 + 4s + 13} \right] \\
&= 2 \cdot 1 + L^{-1} \left[\frac{s + 2 + 6}{(s + 2)^2 + 13 - 4} \right] \\
&= 2 + L^{-1} \left[\frac{s + 2 + 6}{(s + 2)^2 + 9} \right] \\
&= 2 + e^{-2t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{s + 6}{s^2 + 9} \right] \\
&= 2 + e^{-2t} \left[L^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{s^2 + 9} \right) + 2L^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{s^2 + 9} \right) \right] \\
&= 2 + e^{-2t} [\cos 3t + 2 \sin 3t].
\end{aligned}$$

THEOREMS OF INVERSE LT

Results

1. If $L^{-1}[F(s)] = f(t)$ and $f(0) = 0$ then

$$L^{-1}[sF(s)] = f'(t) = \frac{d}{dt}[f(t)] = \frac{d}{dt}[L^{-1}[F(s)]].$$

In general $L^{-1}[s^n F(s)] = f^{(n)}(t)$ if $f(0) = 0 = f'(0) = \dots = f^{(n-1)}(0)$.

i.e., $L^{-1}[s^n F(s)] = \frac{d^n}{dt^n}[L^{-1}[F(s)]]$.

2. If $L^{-1}[F(s)] = f(t)$ then $L^{-1}\left[\frac{F(s)}{s}\right] = \int_0^t f(t)dt = \int_0^t L^{-1}[F(s)]dt$

Similarly, $L^{-1}\left[\frac{F(s)}{s^2}\right] = \int_0^t \int_0^t L^{-1}[F(s)]dtdt$.

3. We know that $L[tf(t)] = -\frac{d}{ds}[f(s)] = -F'(s)$.

$$L^{-1}[F'(s)] = -tf(t) = -tL^{-1}[F(s)].$$

PROBLEMS OF INVERSE LT

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s+2)^2+4}\right]$. [May 2008]

Solution. $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s+2)^2+4}\right] = L^{-1}\left[s\frac{1}{(s+2)^2+4}\right] = \frac{d}{dt}\left(L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+2)^2+4}\right]\right)$

$$= \frac{d}{dt}\left(e^{-2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+4}\right]\right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{e^{-2t}}{2}L^{-1}\left[\frac{2}{s^2+4}\right]\right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{e^{-2t}}{2}\sin 2t\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\left(e^{-2t}2\cos 2t - 2e^{-2t}\sin 2t\right)$$

$$= e^{-2t}(\cos 2t - \sin 2t).$$

PROBLEMS OF INVERSE LT

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s^2}{(s-1)^4}\right]$.

[Dec 2008]

Solution. $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s^2}{(s-1)^4}\right] = L^{-1}\left[s\frac{s}{(s-1)^4}\right] = \frac{d}{dt}\left(L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s-1)^4}\right]\right)$

$$= \frac{d}{dt}\left(L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+1-1}{(s-1)^4}\right]\right) = \frac{d}{dt}\left(e^t L^{-1}\left[\frac{s+1}{s^4}\right]\right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt}\left(e^t L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3} + \frac{1}{s^4}\right]\right) = \frac{d}{dt}\left(e^t L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^3}\right] + L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^4}\right]\right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt}\left(e^t L^{-1}\left[\frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{t^3}{6}\right]\right) = \frac{1}{6}\frac{d}{dt}(e^t(3t^2 + t^3))$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}(e^t(6t + 3t^2) + e^t(3t^2 + t^3)) = \frac{e^t}{6}(6t + 6t^2 + t^3).$$

PROBLEMS OF INVERSE LT

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+a)}\right]$.

[Nov 2009]

Solution. $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+a)}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{F(s)}{s^2}\right]$ where $F(s) = \frac{1}{s+a}$, $L^{-1}[F(s)] = e^{-at}$

$$= \int_0^t \int_0^t L^{-1}[F(s)] dt dt$$

$$= \int_0^t \int_0^t e^{-at} dt dt = \int_0^t \left(\frac{e^{-at}}{-a}\right)_0^t dt$$

$$= \frac{-1}{a} \int_0^t ((e^{-at} - 1)) dt = \frac{-1}{a} \left[\left(\frac{e^{-at}}{-a}\right)_0^t - (t)_0^t \right]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{a} \left[\frac{e^{-at}}{-a} + \frac{1}{a} - t \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{a^2} e^{-at} - \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{a} t$$

$$= \frac{1}{a^2} (e^{-at} - 1 + at).$$

PROBLEMS OF INVERSE LT OF LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS

Inverse Laplace Transform of Logarithmic Functions

Worked Examples

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\log \frac{1+s}{s^2}\right]$. [Dec 2009]

Solution. Let $F(s) = \log \frac{s+1}{s^2} = \log(s+1) - \log s^2 = \log(s+1) - 2 \log s$

$$F'(s) = \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{2}{s}$$

we know that $L[tf(t)] = -F'(s)$

$$= -\left[\frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{2}{s}\right] = \frac{2}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$tf(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{2}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1}\right] = 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right] - L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+1}\right]$$

$$\therefore tf(t) = 2 - e^{-t}$$

$$f(t) = \frac{2 - e^{-t}}{t}$$

PROBLEMS OF INVERSE LT OF LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS

Example . Find $L^{-1}\left[\log \frac{s^2 + a^2}{s^2 - b^2}\right]$. [Jun 2002]

Solution. Let $F(s) = \log \frac{s^2 + a^2}{s^2 - b^2} = \log(s^2 + a^2) - \log(s^2 - b^2)$

$$F'(s) = \frac{2s}{s^2 + a^2} - \frac{2s}{s^2 - b^2}$$

$$F'(s) = \frac{2s}{s^2 + a^2} - \frac{2s}{s^2 - b^2}$$

$$L^{-1}[F'(s)] = 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}\right] - 2L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 - b^2}\right]$$

$$-tf(t) = 2 \cos at - 2 \cosh bt$$

$$f(t) = \frac{2}{t}(\cosh bt - \cos at).$$

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\log \frac{s+1}{s-1}\right]$. [Dec 2013]

Solution. Let $F(s) = \log \frac{s+1}{s-1} = \log(s+1) - \log(s-1)$

$$F'(s) = \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s-1}$$

We know that

$$L[tf(t)] = -F'(s) = -\frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{1}{s-1}$$

$$\therefore tf(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{1}{s+1}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-1}\right] - L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+1}\right] = e^t - e^{-t}$$

$$\therefore f(t) = \frac{e^t - e^{-t}}{t}.$$

PROBLEMS OF INVERSE LT OF TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

Inverse Laplace Transform of inverse Trigonometric Functions

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\tan^{-1}\frac{a}{s}\right]$.

Solution. Let $F(s) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{s}\right)$

$$F'(s) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{a^2}{s^2}} \left(\frac{-a}{s^2}\right) = \frac{s^2}{s^2 + a^2} \left(\frac{-a}{s^2}\right) = -\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}.$$

We have $L[tf(t)] = -F'(s) = \frac{a^2}{s^2 + a^2}$

$$tf(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{a^2}{s^2 + a^2}\right] = \sin at$$

$$f(t) = \frac{\sin at}{t}.$$

PROBLEMS OF INVERSE LT OF TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\cot^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{s+1}\right)\right]$.

[May 2008]

Solution. Let $F(s) = \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{s+1}\right)$.

$$F'(s) = -\frac{1}{1 + \frac{4}{(s+1)^2}} \left(\frac{-2}{(s+1)^2}\right) = \frac{2}{(s+1)^2 + 4}.$$

$$L[tf(t)] = -F'(s) = \frac{-2}{(s+1)^2 + 4}.$$

$$tf(t) = L^{-1}\left[-\frac{2}{(s+1)^2 + 4}\right] = -e^{-t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{2}{s^2 + 4}\right] = -e^{-t} \sin 2t.$$

$$f(t) = -e^{-t} \frac{\sin 2t}{t}.$$

CONVOLUTION THEOREM

Inverse Laplace transform by the method of convolution

Convolution. Let $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ be two functions defined for all $t \geq 0$. The convolution of $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ is defined as

$$(f * g)(t) = f(t) * g(t) = \int_0^t f(u)g(t-u)du$$

Convolution theorem. If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$ and $L[g(t)] = G(s)$ then $L[f(t) * g(t)] = F(s).G(s)$. Also $L^{-1}[F(s)G(s)] = \int_0^t f(t-u)g(u)du = L^{-1}[F(s)] * L^{-1}[G(s)]$.

PROBLEMS ON CONVOLUTION THEOREM

Example Using Convolution theorem find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+a)(s+b)}\right]$ [May 2011]

Solution. $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+a)(s+b)}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+a)} \cdot \frac{1}{(s+b)}\right]$

$$= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+a)}\right] * L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+b)}\right]$$
$$= e^{-at} * e^{-bt} = \int_0^t e^{-au} \cdot e^{-b(t-u)} du$$

PROBLEMS ON CONVOLUTION THEOREM

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^t e^{-au} \cdot e^{-bt+bu} du = \int_0^t e^{-au} \cdot e^{-bt} \cdot e^{bu} du \\
&= e^{-bt} \int_0^t e^{(b-a)u} du = e^{-bt} \left[\frac{e^{(b-a)u}}{b-a} \right]_0^t \\
&= \frac{e^{-bt}}{b-a} (e^{(b-a)t} - 1) \\
&= \frac{1}{b-a} [e^{-bt+bt-at} - e^{-bt}] \\
&= \frac{1}{b-a} [e^{-at} - e^{-bt}].
\end{aligned}$$

PROBLEMS ON CONVOLUTION THEOREM

Example Using convolution theorem, evaluate $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)}\right]$.
[May 2007]

Solution. $\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} = \frac{1}{s+1} \cdot \frac{1}{s+2}$

Let $F(s) = \frac{1}{s+1}$ and $G(s) = \frac{1}{s+2}$.

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)}\right] = L^{-1}[F(s)G(s)] = L^{-1}[F(s)] * L^{-1}[G(s)]$$

$$= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+1}\right] * L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+2}\right] = e^{-t} * e^{-2t}$$

$$= \int_0^t e^{-u} e^{-2(t-u)} du = \int_0^t e^{-u} e^{-2t+2u} du$$

$$= \int_0^t e^{-2t+u} du = \int_0^t e^{-2t} e^u du$$

$$= e^{-2t} \cdot (e^u)_0^t = e^{-2t}(e^t - 1) = e^{-t} - e^{-2t}.$$

PROBLEMS ON CONVOLUTION THEOREM

Example . Using convolution theorem, evaluate $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+1)(s^2+1)}\right]$.
[Nov 2004]

Solution. $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+1)(s^2+1)}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+1} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2+1}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+1}\right] * L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+1}\right]$

$$= e^{-t} * \sin t = \int_0^t \sin u e^{-(t-u)} du$$

$$= \int_0^t \sin u e^{-t+u} du = \int_0^t \sin u e^{-t} e^u du$$

$$= e^{-t} \int_0^t e^u \sin u du = e^{-t} \left[\frac{e^u}{2} (\sin u - \cos u) \right]_0^t$$

$$= \frac{e^{-t}}{2} \left[e^t (\sin t - \cos t) + 1 \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sin t - \cos t + e^{-t} \right].$$

PROBLEMS ON CONVOLUTION THEOREM

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s(s^2 - a^2)}\right]$ using convolution theorem. [Jun 2008]

Solution. $\frac{1}{s(s^2 - a^2)} = \frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 - a^2}$

Let $F(s) = \frac{1}{s}$ and $G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 - a^2}$

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s(s^2 - a^2)}\right] = L^{-1}[F(s)G(s)] = L^{-1}[F(s)] * L^{-1}[G(s)]$$

$$= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right] * L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2 - a^2}\right] = 1 * \frac{1}{a} \sinh at$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^t \sinh au \cdot 1 du = \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\cosh au}{a}\right)_0^t = \frac{1}{a^2} (\cosh at - 1).$$

PROBLEMS ON CONVOLUTION THEOREM

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s^2}{(s^2 + a^2)(s^2 + b^2)}\right]$ using convolution theorem.

[Dec 2015, Dec 2014, Jun 2014, Dec 2010, May 2003]

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{-1}\left[\frac{s^2}{(s^2 + a^2)(s^2 + b^2)}\right] &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} \cdot \frac{s}{s^2 + b^2}\right] \\
 &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}\right] * L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 + b^2}\right] = \cos at * \cos bt \\
 &= \int_0^t \cos au \cos b(t - u) du = \int_0^t \cos au \cos(bt - bu) du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \{\cos(au + bt - bu) + \cos(au - bt + bu)\} du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin(au + bt - bu)}{a - b} + \frac{\sin(au - bt + bu)}{a + b} \right]_0^t \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin at}{a - b} - \frac{\sin bt}{a - b} + \frac{\sin at}{a + b} + \frac{\sin bt}{a + b} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin at}{a + b + a - b} + \frac{\sin bt}{a - b - a - b} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2(a^2 - b^2)} [2a \sin at - 2b \sin bt] = \frac{a \sin at - b \sin bt}{a^2 - b^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

PROBLEMS ON CONVOLUTION THEOREM

Example Find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}\right]$ using convolution theorem.

[Jun 2012, Jun 2010, May 2008]

Solution. Let $\frac{s}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + a^2}$.

$$\therefore F(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}, G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + a^2}.$$

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}\right] = L^{-1}[F(s)G(s)] = L^{-1}F(s) * L^{-1}G(s)$$

PROBLEMS ON CONVOLUTION THEOREM

$$\begin{aligned}
&= L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s^2 + a^2)}\right] * \left[\frac{1}{(s^2 + a^2)}\right] = \cos at * \frac{\sin at}{a} \\
&= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^t \cos au \sin a(t - u) du \\
&= \frac{1}{2a} \int_0^t 2 \sin(at - au) \cos audu \\
&= \frac{1}{2a} \int_0^t \{ \sin(at - au + au) + \sin(at - au - au) \} du \\
&= \frac{1}{2a} \left\{ \int_0^t \sin at du + \int_0^t \sin(at - 2au) du \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{2a} \left[\sin at(u)_0^t - \left[\frac{\cos(at - 2au)}{-2a} \right]_0^t \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2a} \left[t \sin at + \frac{1}{2a} (\cos(-at) - \cos at) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2a} \left[t \sin at - \frac{1}{2a} 0 \right] = \frac{t \sin at}{2a}.
\end{aligned}$$

PROBLEMS ON CONVOLUTION THEOREM

Example Using convolution theorem, find $L^{-1}\left[\frac{4}{(s^2 + 2s + 5)^2}\right]$.
[Jun 2013, May 2006]

Solution. $L^{-1}\left[\frac{4}{(s^2 + 2s + 5)^2}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{4}{(s+1)^2 + 4^2}\right] = e^{-t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{4}{(s^2 + 4)^2}\right]$ (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } L^{-1}\left[\frac{4}{(s^2 + 4)^2}\right] &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{2}{s^2 + 4} \cdot \frac{2}{s^2 + 4}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{2}{s^2 + 4}\right] * L^{-1}\left[\frac{2}{s^2 + 4}\right] \\ &= \sin 2t * \sin 2t = \int_0^t \sin 2u \sin 2(t-u) du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (\cos\{2u - 2(t-u)\} - \cos\{2u + 2t - 2u\}) du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_0^t \cos(4u - 2t) du - \int_0^t \cos 2t du \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\sin(4u - 2t)}{4}\right)_0^t - \cos 2t(u)_0^t \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin 2t}{4} + \frac{\sin 2t}{4} - t \cos 2t \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin 2t}{2} - t \cos 2t \right]. \end{aligned}$$

SOLVING ODE BY USING LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

Solution of linear second order differential equations

Worked Examples

Example Solve $y'' + 5y' + 6y = 2$ given $y'(0) = 0$ and $y(0) = 0$ using Laplace transform method. [Jun 2013]

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Solution. $y'' + 5y' + 6y = 2$.

Taking Laplace transform both sides we get

$$L[y''] + 5L[y'] + 6L[y] = L[2]$$

$$s^2L[y] - sy(0) - y'(0) + 5[sL[y] - y(0)] + 6L[y] = 2 \cdot L[1]$$

$$L[y][s^2 + 5s + 6] = \frac{2}{s}$$

$$L[y] = \frac{2}{s(s^2 + 5s + 6)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{s(s+2)(s+3)}$$

$$y = L^{-1} \left[\frac{2}{s(s+2)(s+3)} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \frac{2}{s(s+2)(s+3)} &= \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+2} + \frac{C}{s+3} \\ &= \frac{A(s+2)(s+3) + Bs(s+3) + Cs(s+2)}{s(s+2)(s+3)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 2 = A(s+2)(s+3) + Bs(s+3) + Cs(s+2).$$

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$$\text{When } s = 0, 6A = 2 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{3}.$$

$$\text{When } s = -2, -2B = 2 \Rightarrow B = -1.$$

$$\text{When } s = -3, 3C = 2 \Rightarrow C = \frac{2}{3}.$$

$$\therefore \frac{2}{s(s+2)(s+3)} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{s+3}$$

$$\text{Now } y = L^{-1} \left[\frac{2}{s(s+2)(s+3)} \right]$$

$$= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{s+3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s} \right] - L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+2} \right] + \frac{2}{3} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \times 1 - e^{-2t} + \frac{2}{3} e^{-3t}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} - e^{-2t} + \frac{2}{3} e^{-3t}.$$

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Example Using Laplace transform, solve the differential equation

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 2e^{-t} \text{ with } y(0) = 1 = y'(0).$$

[Dec 2010, Jun 2010]

Solution. $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 2e^{-t}$.

Taking Laplace transform both sides we get

$$L[y''] - 3L[y'] - 4L[y] = 2L[e^{-t}]$$

$$s^2L[y] - sy(0) - y'(0) - 3[sL[y] - y(0)] - 4L[y] = \frac{2}{s+1}$$

$$s^2L[y] - s - 1 - 3[sL[y] - 1] - 4L[y] = \frac{2}{s+1}$$

$$L[y][s^2 - 3s - 4] - s - 1 + 3 = \frac{2}{s+1}$$

$$L[y](s - 4)(s + 1) - s + 2 = \frac{2}{s+1}$$

$$L[y](s - 4)(s + 1) = \frac{2}{s+1} + s - 2$$

$$= \frac{2 + (s + 1)(s - 2)}{s + 1} = \frac{2 + s^2 - s - 2}{s + 1} = \frac{s^2 - s}{s + 1}$$

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$$L[y] = \frac{s^2 - s}{(s+1)(s-4)(s+1)}$$

$$= \frac{s^2 - s}{(s-4)(s+1)^2}$$

$$y = L^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2 - s}{(s-4)(s+1)^2} \right]$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{s^2 - s}{(s-4)(s+1)^2} = \frac{A}{s-4} + \frac{B}{s+1} + \frac{C}{(s+1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{A(s+1)^2 + B(s-4)(s+1) + C(s-4)}{(s-4)(s+1)^2}$$

$$s^2 - s = A(s+1)^2 + B(s-4)(s+1) + C(s-4).$$

$$\text{When } s = 4, 25A = 12 \Rightarrow A = \frac{12}{25}.$$

$$\text{When } s = -1, -5C = 2 \Rightarrow C = -\frac{2}{5}.$$

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Equating the coefficient of s^2 we get

$$A + B = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{12}{25} + B = 1 \Rightarrow B = 1 - \frac{12}{25} = \frac{13}{25}.$$

$$\therefore \frac{s^2 - s}{(s-4)(s+1)^2} = \frac{12}{25} \cdot \frac{1}{s-4} + \frac{13}{25} \cdot \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{(s+1)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } y &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{s^2 - s}{(s-4)(s+1)^2} \right] \\ &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{12}{25} \cdot \frac{1}{s-4} + \frac{13}{25} \cdot \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{12}{25} e^{4t} + \frac{13}{25} e^{-t} - \frac{2}{5} e^{-t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2} \right]$$

$$y = \frac{12}{25} e^{4t} + \frac{13}{25} e^{-t} - \frac{2}{5} t e^{-t}.$$

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Example Solve $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dt} + 4y = \sin t$, if $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$ and $y = 2$ when $t = 0$, using Laplace transforms. [Dec 2011]

Solution. $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dt} + 4y = \sin t$.

Taking Laplace transform both sides we get

$$L\left[\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\right] + 4L\left[\frac{dy}{dt}\right] + 4L[y] = L[\sin t]$$

$$s^2L[y] - sy(0) - y'(0) + 4[sL[y] - y(0)] + 4L[y] = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$s^2L[y] - 2s + 4[sL[y] - 2] + 4L[y] = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$L[y][s^2 + 4s + 4] - 2s - 8 = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$L[y](s + 2)^2 = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} + 2s + 8$$

$$= \frac{1 + (2s + 8)(s^2 + 1)}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$= \frac{1 + 2s^3 + 2s + 8s^2 + 8}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$= \frac{2s^3 + 8s^2 + 2s + 9}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$L[y] = \frac{2s^3 + 8s^2 + 2s + 9}{(s + 2)^2(s^2 + 1)}$$

$$y = L^{-1}\left[\frac{2s^3 + 8s^2 + 2s + 9}{(s + 2)^2(s^2 + 1)}\right].$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \frac{2s^3 + 8s^2 + 2s + 9}{(s+2)^2(s^2+1)} &= \frac{A}{s+2} + \frac{B}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{Cs+D}{s^2+1} \\ &= \frac{A(s+2)(s^2+1) + B(s^2+1) + (Cs+D)(s+2)^2}{(s+2)^2(s^2+1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 2s^3 + 8s^2 + 2s + 9 = A(s+2)(s^2+1) + B(s^2+1) + (Cs+D)(s+2)^2.$$

$$\text{When } s = -2, 5B = 21 \Rightarrow B = \frac{21}{5}.$$

Equating the coefficients of s^3 , we get

$$A + C = 2. \tag{1}$$

Equating the constants we get

$$2A + B + 4D = 9.$$

$$2A + \frac{21}{5} + 4D = 9$$

$$2A + 4D = 9 - \frac{21}{5} = \frac{24}{5} \tag{2}$$

Equating the coefficients of s^2 we get

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$$2A + B + 4C + D = 8.$$

$$2A + \frac{21}{5} + 4C + D = 8$$

$$2A + 4C + D = 8 - \frac{21}{5}$$

$$2A + 4C + D = \frac{19}{5}.$$

(3)

From (1), $C = 2 - A$.

$$(3) \Rightarrow 2A + 4(2 - A) + D = \frac{19}{5}$$

$$2A + 8 - 4A + D = \frac{19}{5}$$

$$-2A + D = \frac{19}{5} - 8 = -\frac{21}{5}$$

$$2A - D = \frac{21}{5}.$$

(4)

$$(2) - (4) \Rightarrow 5D = \frac{24}{5} - \frac{21}{5} = \frac{3}{5}.$$

$$D = \frac{3}{25}.$$

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$$(4) \Rightarrow 2A - \frac{3}{5} = \frac{21}{5}$$

$$2A = \frac{21}{5} + \frac{3}{5} = \frac{24}{5}$$

$$A = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$C = 2 - A = 2 - \frac{12}{5} = -\frac{2}{5}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2s^3 + 8s^2 + 2s + 9}{(s+2)^2(s^2+1)} = \frac{12}{5} \frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{21}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{(s+2)^2} - \frac{2}{5} \frac{s}{s^2+1} + \frac{3}{5} \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

$$\text{Now, } y = L^{-1} \left[\frac{2s^3 + 8s^2 + 2s + 9}{(s+2)^2(s^2+1)} \right]$$

$$= L^{-1} \left[\frac{12}{5} \frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{21}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{(s+2)^2} - \frac{2}{5} \frac{s}{s^2+1} + \frac{3}{5} \frac{1}{s^2+1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{12}{5} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+2} \right] + \frac{21}{5} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s+2)^2} \right] - \frac{2}{5} L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{s^2+1} \right] + \frac{3}{5} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2+1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{12}{5} e^{-2t} + \frac{21}{5} e^{-2t} L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s^2} \right] - \frac{2}{5} \cos t + \frac{3}{5} \sin t$$

$$= \frac{12}{5} e^{-2t} + \frac{21}{5} e^{-2t} t - \frac{2}{5} \cos t + \frac{3}{5} \sin t.$$

SOLVING ODE BY USING LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

Example Solve $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dt} + 8y = \cos 2t, y = 2$ and $\frac{dy}{dt} = 1$ where $t = 0$.

[May 2002]

Solution. The given differential equation is $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dt} + 8y = \cos 2t$.

Taking Laplace transform on both sides, we get

$$L\left[\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\right] + 4L\left[\frac{dy}{dt}\right] + 8L[y] = L[\cos 2t]$$

$$s^2L[y] - sy(0) - y'(0) + 4[sL(y) - y(0)] + 8L[y] = \frac{s}{s^2 + 4}$$

$$s^2L[y] - 2s - 1 + 4[sL(y) - 2] + 8L[y] = \frac{s}{s^2 + 4}$$

$$L[y][s^2 + 4s + 8] - 2s - 1 - 8 = \frac{s}{s^2 + 4}$$

$$L[y][s^2 + 4s + 8] = 2s + 9 + \frac{s}{s^2 + 4}$$

$$= \frac{(2s + 9)(s^2 + 4) + s}{s^2 + 4}$$

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$$= \frac{2s^3 + 8s + 9s^2 + 36 + s}{s^2 + 4} = \frac{2s^3 + 9s^2 + 9s + 36}{s^2 + 4}$$

$$L[y] = \frac{2s^3 + 9s^2 + 9s + 36}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 4s + 8)}$$

$$y = L^{-1}\left[\frac{2s^3 + 9s^2 + 9s + 36}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 4s + 8)}\right].$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{2s^3 + 9s^2 + 9s + 36}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 4s + 8)} = \frac{As + B}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{Cs + D}{s^2 + 4s + 8}$$

$$2s^3 + 9s^2 + 9s + 36 = (As + B)(s^2 + 4s + 8) + (Cs + D)(s^2 + 4)$$

Equating the coefficients of s^3 we get

$$A + C = 2. \quad (1)$$

Equating the coefficients of s^2 we get

$$4A + B + D = 9. \quad (2)$$

Equating the coefficients of s we get

$$8A + 4B + 4C = 9. \quad (3)$$

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Equating the coefficients of s we get

$$8A + 4B + 4C = 9. \quad (3)$$

Equating the constants we get, $8B + 4D = 36$

$$2B + D = 9. \quad (4)$$

$$(3) \implies 8A + 4B + 4(2 - A) = 9 \quad [\text{using (1)}]$$

$$8A + 4B + 8 - 4A = 9$$

$$4A + 4B = 1. \quad (5)$$

$$(2) \implies 4A + B + 9 - 2B = 9 \quad [\text{from (4)}]$$

$$4A - B = 0$$

$$B = 4A \quad (6)$$

$$(5) \implies 4A + 4(4A) = 1 \implies 20A = 1 \implies A = \frac{1}{20}.$$

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$$(6) \implies B = 4 \frac{1}{20} = \frac{1}{5}.$$

$$(1) \implies C = 2 - A = 2 - \frac{1}{20} = \frac{39}{20}.$$

$$(4) \implies D = 9 - 2B = 9 - \frac{2}{5} = \frac{43}{5}.$$

$$\therefore \frac{2s^3 + 9s^2 + 9s + 36}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 4s + 8)} = \frac{\frac{1}{20}s + \frac{1}{5}}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{\frac{39}{20}s + \frac{43}{5}}{s^2 + 4s + 8}$$

$$\text{Now, } y = L^{-1} \left[\frac{2s^3 + 9s^2 + 9s + 36}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 4s + 8)} \right] = L^{-1} \left[\frac{\frac{1}{20}s + \frac{1}{5}}{s^2 + 4} \right] + L^{-1} \left[\frac{\frac{39}{20}s + \frac{43}{5}}{s^2 + 4s + 8} \right]$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{20}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+4}\right] + \frac{1}{5}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+4}\right] + \frac{39}{20}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2+4s+8}\right] + \frac{43}{5}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+4s+8}\right] \\
&= \frac{1}{20}\cos 2t + \frac{1}{10}\sin 2t + \frac{39}{20}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{(s+2)^2+4}\right] + \frac{43}{5}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+2)^2+4}\right] \\
&= \frac{1}{20}\cos 2t + \frac{1}{10}\sin 2t + \frac{39}{20}e^{-2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{s-2}{s^2+4}\right] + \frac{43}{5}e^{-2t}L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+4}\right] \\
&= \frac{1}{20}\cos 2t + \frac{1}{10}\sin 2t + \frac{39}{20}e^{-2t}\cos 2t - \frac{39}{20}e^{-2t}\sin 2t + \frac{43}{5}e^{-2t}\sin 2t \\
&= \frac{1}{20}\cos 2t + \frac{1}{10}\sin 2t + \frac{39}{20}e^{-2t}\cos 2t + \frac{47}{20}e^{-2t}\sin 2t.
\end{aligned}$$

Thank

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